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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshihiro MAEDA et al.

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE POLYMER AND ITS USE:

## Group Art Unit: 1751

Examiner: B. Mruk

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the November 18, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.